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Office Action Summary

Application No.

08/825,565

Applicant(s)

OYAMA ET AL.

Examiner

Firmin Backer

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-7 and 12-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12-14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____. |
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Response to Amendment

This is in response to an amendment file on July 23rd, 2003. In the amendment, claims 1-4 and 8-11 have been canceled. Claims 5-7, 12-14 remain pending in the letter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
3. Claim 5 recites the limitation "to the first and inter-networks" in paragraph 3 lines 1, 2. The recitation is unclear as to what the Applicant means.
4. Claim 5 recites the limitation "said first bank processing means" in paragraph 4 line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
5. Claim 6 recites the limitation "the first bank public key" in paragraph 4 line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

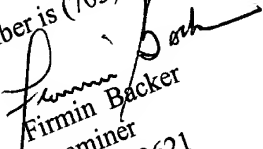
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communication or earlier communications from the

to Firmin Backer whose telephone number is (703) 305-0624. The
may be reached on Mon-Thu 8:30-6:00.

Attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding
should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.


Firmin Backer
Examiner
Art Unit 3621

September 30, 2003

Firmin,

1. 112, 2nd paragraph issue with claims 5-6. In lines 10-11, claim states “coupled to the first and inter-networks”. This doesn’t appear to be clear.

Also, claim 5 states in line 19, “said first bank processing means” I believe this should be “second bank processing means”

Claim 6, line 9, the claim states “the first bank public key” I believe this should be “the first bank secret key”

2. Reason for allowance should be different for claims 13 and 14 since there is no second bank. The claims merely recite that the user supplies information about an existing account at one bank and is applying for maybe a second account at the same bank.

3. Review 5,534,855 – discloses a method for alias detection and compares the identification information included in account certificates stored in a first user account and in a second user account, and determining whether the second user account is an alias of the first user account. Probably does not teach all of the claim limitations, but its worth reviewing and citing on a PTO-892

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